

# LIBERTY

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The next meeting of the board of directors will be held at 7:00 pm. on Monday, March 13th. at state party headquarters, 720 East 18th. Ave in Denver

Party members are welcome at the meeting. Please call BetteRose for details: 303.639.5530

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- Gov. Owens

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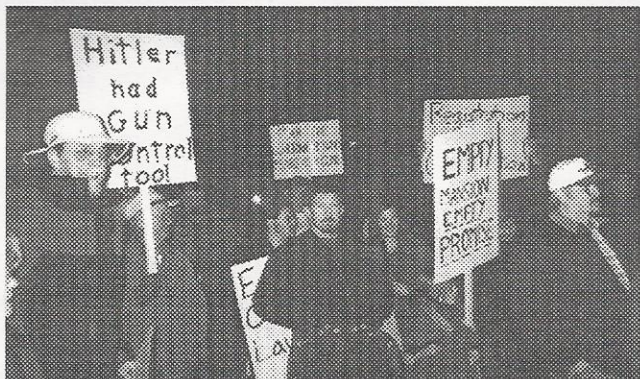
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## Second Amendment Civil Rights March



by Ari Armstrong

Between 300 and 500 civil arms activists marched to Governor Bill Owens' mansion February 3 to advocate their civil rights to keep and bear arms. Hundreds of signs and several American flags danced above the crowds.

At least a dozen Libertarian Party members joined the rally and passed out literature explaining the link between libertarianism and the right to bear arms.

Bob Glass, owner of Paladin Arms in Longmont and publisher of the Partisan magazine, helped lead the march and its organization. He said Owens was singled out for protest because the governor campaigned on pro-Second Amendment promises but has since "stabbed gun owners in the back." Dudley Brown of Rocky Mountain Gun Owners was also instrumental in publicizing and organizing the event. Both Brown and Glass have said publicly that the Libertarian Party might capture the votes of many gun owners, if it is able to run viable candidates against anti-freedom Republicans.

The march was spirited. Protesters chanted, "No more gun-control!" "One-term Owens!" "More guns, less crime!" "Benedict Owens!" And, "You lied!"

Owens was dubbed "Governor Gun-Control" by RMGO and others after he introduced a slate of disarmament proposals, including one to discriminate

against law-abiding adults ages 18-20, one to mandate storage of firearms, and another to put the burden of proof on Colorado citizens who are denied permission to purchase a gun based on faulty records. Owens selected Democrat Ken Salazar, Attorney General, and Aristed Zavaras, formerly of Democratic Governor Roy Romer's administration, to head his gun-control team.

The 1998 Libertarian candidate for governor, Sandra Johnson, won more votes than Owens' margin of victory. Now many predict Owens

will lose in 2002 because he is alienating gun owners in the state. Owens found much of his support on the Western Slope and on the Eastern Plains, more so than in the urban Denver area. Reports from Grand Junction suggest wide-spread disgust with Owens because of his push for new gun restriction laws.

Many gun owners believe Owens is the greatest impediment to pro-gun legislation in Colorado. Indeed, Owens is worse than Democrat Gail Schoettler would have been, because at least the Democrat wouldn't have been able to pressure Republican legislators.

Owens told the *Denver Post* last fall in reference to gun owners, "What are they going to do — vote Democratic?" Many have said they will vote Libertarian.



Jennifer and Ari Armstrong and Brian Schwartz join in protest against Governor Owens' proposed regulations on gun owners.



## Notes from the Chair

Dear Friends of Liberty,

I've often wondered just how far into the public mind our message has reached. I know we have several well-known people who claim to be libertarian. I know C-Span considers our national conventions worth covering even in the off years. I hear and see the word libertarian being used throughout the media. Still, the Reform party seems to be getting all the notoriety. It's as if the Reform party is THE third party in America, though its numbers are small and its list of office holders tiny.

I ask myself, "Is this hopeless?"

But today I found hope. I read in the Rocky Mountain News this quote from Senator John McCain speaking about crossover voting:

"I'm very proud that Libertarians or vegetarians or anybody would consider supporting me because I have a vision of reform for America that I think is taking hold, not only in South Carolina but all over the country."

While not the most flattering quote, notice there is no mention of any other third party — not the Reform, not the Greens. Sen. McCain obviously expected everyone to know who he was referring to in his statement. An underlying assumption in this quote might also be that the Libertarian vote is worth seeking. Notice, also, the Rocky Mountain News, which published this quote, chose to capitalize the word Libertarian, acknowledging our status as a political party.

What does this mean to us? It is said there cannot be real change until the hearts of the masses change. But for that to happen, the masses have to be exposed to the idea of that change. Quotes like the one above prove we're

getting exposure. Our first hurdle, it seems, has been jumped.

Now that people have heard of us, it is time to help them learn about our ideas. We need to run as many qualified candidates as possible. We need to provide support staff to our candidates. We need to provide general support, in terms of finances, time, promotion, and encouragement.

One example of how you can help is the Barry Maggert campaign. Mr. Maggert ran for US Congress in 1998 and received press from all over the state. This year, Drew Sakson will be running for that US Congressional seat. Mr. Maggert will fill in at the state level because, even though he had a smashing campaign last cycle, he cannot devote as much time to running this time. With a little help from other Libertarians in the area, however, this race can still be a success. Do you live in the Carbondale - Glenwood Springs area? Take a moment and ask yourself, Can I help even a little?

The Sakson - Maggert races are not the only ones and there will be more by the time the State Convention rolls around. We have candidates for three congressional seats and several state house seats. This edition of *Liberty* contains a list of things you can do for our candidates. Please take a moment to look over that list. Make a note of anything you might be able to do or help with, then call me at 303.639.5530 or contact Dean Jacobsen at dean@rockware.com.

Remember, success depends on each and every one of us. Let's do what we can do for freedom today!

In Liberty,

*BetteRose Smith*

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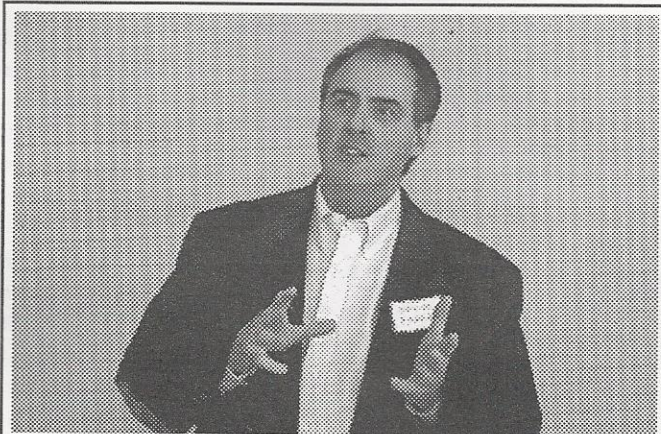
# Adams County LP Holds Outreach Meeting

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Jay Carper organized an Adams County outreach meeting January 29 at the Ramada Inn off 104th and I-25. About a dozen members and speakers gathered to discuss libertarian ideas and plan the local growth of the party.

David Baker, LP candidate for US Congress in a two-way race against Democrat Mark Udall, spoke on the drug war, Social Security reform, and campaign finance. His theme was unintended consequences: for instance, campaign finance restrictions actually give more power to special interest groups.

Baker also emphasized the importance of distinguishing between a "libertine" and a "libertarian" for a general audience. Libertarians don't oppose the war on drugs because they favor drug use, but rather because the drug war leads to a violation of civil liberties. The Fourth Amendment is in tatters because of the war on drugs, and sometimes innocent people such as Ismael Mena are killed.



*David Baker hits the campaign trail for U.S. Congress.*

"If you want to post the 10 Commandments in a private school, fine, but don't force me to pay for it," Armstrong said.

BetteRose Smith, LP State Chair, gave insights on how to present libertarian ideas to newcomers. She said an effective way to approach people is to start with a commonly shared value, and explain how this value implies or entails a broader libertarian framework.

Carper explained his interest in the relationship between the Christian religion and libertarian principles.

To get involved in local politics, Adams County Libertarians can contact Carper at 303.252.7808.

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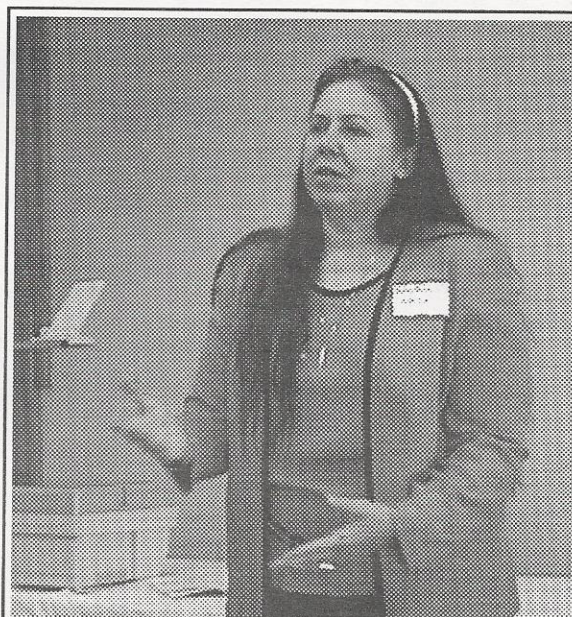


*Jay Carper heads the Adams County LP.*

Baker said he hopes Boulder and Adams Counties can coordinate efforts for his campaign. In the question period, Joe Johnson said Boulder may be ripe for a Libertarian campaign, especially if Baker is able to capitalize on anti-prohibition sentiments. Issues such as the legalization of industrial hemp should also play well in environmentally-conscious Boulder, Johnson said.

Johnson also gave a presentation on the right to bear arms. He said that issue compelled him to join the Libertarian Party.

Ari Armstrong spoke on education. Armstrong, a private tutor and editor of the *Colorado Freedom Report* at [www.co-freedom.com](http://www.co-freedom.com), said that government schools are inherently politicized. As an example, he discussed the recent state senate proposal to require government schools to post the 10 Commandments in classrooms.



*BetteRose Smith discusses ways to introduce libertarian ideas to newcomers.*



## Kudos

Joe Johnson, assisted by Chuck Wright, organized, staffed, and funded the Tanner Gun Show monthly outreach project. The Party has expanded its mailing list and gained new registered Libertarian voters. This is a fine example of individual initiative for a worthwhile project.

David Bryant provided 500 address labels, Elke Glasser got announcement post cards printed and mailed, and Doug Anderson funded the effort to notify all Jeffco libertarians of the caucus to be held on March 9 (see article on page 5).

David Bryant has been developing the database for several months, making it possible for the Party to reach new members faster and more consistently. He also initiated the committee to monitor and comment on the actions of the State Legislature.

## Jennifer Armstrong Takes on Colorado Liberty Design

Jennifer is a professional graphic designer with Heitman Advertising and Design in Westminster. She has volunteered to lay out the State Party's monthly newsletter. Her husband Ari will format much of the text.

This should free up some of David Bryant's time for the pressing needs of developing the database, conducting mailings, and overseeing other projects. Bryant has formatted Colorado Liberty for the past several months while volunteering for the other tasks.

Article submissions, letters, and photos can be sent to the Armstrongs at [ariarmstrong@hotmail.com](mailto:ariarmstrong@hotmail.com). Text-only within the e-mail is preferred. Photos can also be mailed to Ari Armstrong, Box 1034, Arvada 80001.

## Candidate Photographs

by Tom Goonan & Johanna Fallis

Attention all official and would-be candidates! Johanna Fallis will be providing a professional photo shoot for you at the State Convention in April. Put your best face forward, and Johanna will provide you with one of the most necessary candidate items, a digitally transferable photo for your press kits, and your web page. The expected cost to you will be approximately \$30, and there may be a discount depending on the volume. We guarantee that your mug will appear in a future Colorado Liberty. For planning purposes, please let us know whether you will avail yourself of this service at Johanna Fallis, 303-456-9750, [jfallis@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jfallis@ix.netcom.com).

## Outreach Director

by Tom Goonan

It has been my privilege to serve as your Outreach Director on the Colorado LP Board. This year, I would like to move on, and turn the job over to a young fireball with a vision to grow the party. My term has seen some accomplishments, with persons across the state handling new names that are funneled to the state party from national, three new affiliates (Broomfield, Adams, and Southside), support for outreach project initiators with special issues, and a run for Jefferson County School Board (15,000 votes, and a scare for the teacher's union). My personality is better suited for behind-the-scenes work on projects. This job needs someone who likes to be out front, and I will be happy to support anyone willing to take it on with both time and activity. We need more than I can give it, so step forward whoever you are. The party needs you.

## How You Can Help the Party

Watch your local paper, particularly in the rural areas, for mentions of our party and our candidates. Mail a copy of any mention to the state party and, if you can, to the campaign headquarters.

Find out what forums will be happening in your area. Many times we are not invited because the group putting on the forum doesn't know how to reach us. Send this information to the candidate and/or contact the group and let them know how to reach our candidate.

Be willing to come out for rallies, forums, and debates where our candidates will appear. Place a yard sign in your yard. Put a bumper sticker on your car. Pass out candidate and party literature.

Can you design a web page? Many of our candidates may need help establishing a web page. Put press packets together. The state party plans to help get press packets together for candidates. The candidates will then have to individualize the packet. Can you help at either level?

Be part of a mailing. Every month we have a mailing at the state headquarters for the Liberty. With campaigns coming up, there will be mailings all over the state, perhaps in your area. Let the candidates know that you are available to help. These are fun get-togethers where people can laugh and discuss topics of interest.

Every campaign needs a campaign manager; someone willing to keep track of a schedule for the candidate, to make appointments, to act as a go-between with the press and to book events. This is a high profile, fun job with many rewards.

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## Bergland Steps Down From National Leadership

I will NOT seek the position of Chair of the Libertarian Party at the 2000 National Convention.

During the time I have been Chair, I have been pleased to observe the emergence of many young, talented, imaginative and enthusiastic leaders on the LNC and in affiliate parties. I am confident that the future Chair, whoever it may be, will not only have great leadership ability, but a Libertarian National Committee of similar people to make the best leadership team the Party has ever had. I look forward to turning over the gavel to whomever the delegates elect.

Equally important to my decision is the excellence of our professional staff at LPHQ. Given the nature of the political beast that is the context in which they operate, our staff is a model of productivity, good judgment, and the flexibility needed to deal with whatever arises. Hence, I am confident that the transition to a new Chair, who is the Party CEO under our Bylaws, will not pose any serious problems even though this is a presidential election year.

Lastly, I decided to make this announcement at this time so that everyone who might be a potential National Chair would know that the field is open, without an incumbent seeking re election. (Not that my incumbency would actually stop any serious contender.) This should provide plenty of time for anyone who wishes to run for the position to mount an effective campaign. My best wishes to each of them, whoever they may be.

Please feel free to publicize this announcement to the fullest extent. The more Party members who know it, and the sooner they know it, the better.

David Bergland

## Sakson's Campaign

1) Richard Lamping has spoken to Bumper Hornberger about coming out to speak to the Colorado Libertarians who participate in the Palisade fruit picking event over the Aug 18-19 weekend. The event coordinator is considering a Friday evening BBQ or similar casual gathering with Bumper as guest speaker. Richard is looking for people who would like to help make this happen, as it will cost some money. Interested people can contact him at the Sakson for Congress office at Sakson2000@aol.com, or 970.963.3609.

2) The Sakson for Congress campaign is looking for an intern, or campaign staffer to man the Carbondale office. Low pay, long hours. We will be prepared to fill the position by late February or early March. The ideal

candidate would be a college student or recent graduate in a related field of study. The position will last through election day, and will involve scheduling the candidate, contacting media, setting up fundraising events, clipping regional press articles, answering phones and email, volunteer coordination, and much more.

3) The Sakson for Congress campaign office is at 256 Main Street, Carbondale Colorado. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Drew or Richard at Sakson2000@aol.com, or 970.963.3609. We will be attempting to set up caucuses all around CD3, and are looking for volunteers all over the state.

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary SAFETY deserve neither liberty nor safety." -Benjamin Franklin

## Jefferson County Caucus

by Tom Goonan

The Libertarian Community of Jefferson County will hold the first ever Libertarian caucus to nominate candidates for several offices open in the 2000 general election to be held in November. The caucus will be held at Tom Goonan's home, 12895 W. 16th Drive, Golden (Applewood) 80401, at 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 9, unless the RSVP numbers dictate otherwise. All libertarian electors are welcome. A libertarian elector is one of the following: 1. A dues paying member of the National Libertarian Party; 2. A dues paying member of the Colorado Libertarian Party; or 3. A registered Libertarian.

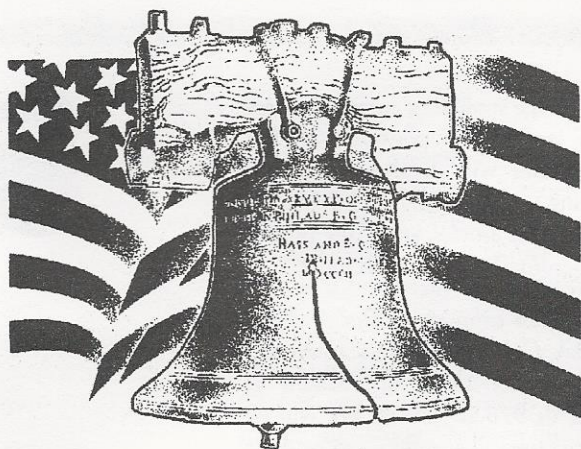
Candidates are needed for: State Senator, District 19 (Jim Congrove R), District 21 (Michael Feeley D), and District 26 (Tom Blickensderfer R); State Representative, all 10 districts; University of Colorado Regents, District 3 (Hank Anton R), District 5 (Jerry G. Rutledge R), At Large (Pete Steinhauer R); State Board of Education, District 2 (Patti Johnson R), District 4 (Clair Ott R), At Large (Ben Alexander R); Jefferson County Commissioner, District 1 (Michelle Lawrence R), District 2 (Patricia B. Holloway R). The following cities have openings for the City Council: Arvada, Broomfield, Edgewater, Lakewood, Mountain View, Westminster, and Wheat Ridge.

We are interested in both serious candidates and line holders. As an incentive, the Colorado Libertarian Party will support candidates with press kits, a web page template and a connection to the State's web site, a template for brochures, and assistance with filing the required paperwork. Do as much or as little as you like. What is important is that the Libertarian Party field as many candidates as possible. Help make Jefferson County an establishment's nightmare. RSVP to Tom Goonan, address above, 303.202.9069, tgoonan@sprintmail.com.

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### Harry Browne

Harry Browne was the 1996 Libertarian candidate for President of the United States. He has made appearances on CNN, the Larry King show, and other national and local radio & television shows. He is an investment advisor, the author of nine books, including *How I found Freedom in an Unfree World* and *Why Government Doesn't Work*.

### Larry Hines

Larry Hines joined the United States Marine Corps in 1983. After completing his contract with the U.S. Marines with honors in 1987, he relocated to San Diego, California where he worked as a legal secretary in some of the most prestigious law firms in the country, gaining practical experience in business administration, law and politics.

### Gala Banquet Featuring David Boaz

David Boaz is a powerful and moving speaker. He is a leading authority on domestic issues like educational choice, drug legalization, the growth of government, and the rise of libertarianism and is a frequent guest on national television and radio shows. He is well known for his key role in the development of the Cato Institute and the libertarian movement. He is the author of *Libertarianism: A Primer*, and the editor of *The Libertarian Reader*.

### Keynote by W. Earl Allen

Earl Allen promotes the libertarian philosophy through his elegant writing and speaking ability. He served as Publications Director and editor of the *Colorado Liberty* from 1996 through 1998. He also received the Advanced Toastmaster Bronze award from Toastmasters International in March of 1999.

He is an experienced candidate who ran strong campaigns for State Representative in both 1996 and 1998, catching the attention of the Republican Party. Earl currently serves as the Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Broomfield, Colorado.

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# EVENTS SCHEDULE

## Friday April 15

7:00 PM --- *Early Registration & Suite Parties*

### MEET THE CANDIDATES

Join us for an evening of drinks, light snacks and entertainment.

## Saturday April 16

7:30 AM --- *Registration*

8:00 AM --- *Coffee Klatch*  
Philosophy

9:00 AM --- *Seminar*  
Philosophy

10:00 AM --- *Keynote Speaker*  
Earl Allen

11:00 AM --- *Seminar*  
Philosophy

12:00 PM --- *Awards Luncheon*  
BetteRose Smith

1:00 PM --- *Seminar*  
Philosophy

2:00 PM --- *Seminar*  
Philosophy

3:00 PM --- *Seminar*  
Philosophy

4:00 PM --- *Seminar*  
Philosophy

6:00 PM --- *Cocktail Party*

7:00 PM --- *Banquet and Dance*  
David Boaz

*Coffee Klatch*  
Nuts & Bolts

*Seminar*  
Nuts & Bolts

*Business*  
Meet Local Candidates

*Business*  
Board Reports

*Business*  
Bylaw Changes

*Seminar*  
Nuts & Bolts

*Seminar*  
Nuts & Bolts

## Special Guest Dr. James W. Lark, III

Dr. Lark is a wonderful speaker with a wealth of experience to share. He currently serves as advisor to The Liberty Coalition and its constituent organizations at the University of Virginia. He also advises college and high school libertarians throughout the country on promoting libertarian ideas on campus, and has lectured and conducted workshops on campus organizing at several state Libertarian Party conventions, and at the Libertarian Party national conventions in 1987, 1989, 1991, 1996 and 1998. He served as a member of the Libertarian Party's Success 97 and Success 99 Leadership Seminar faculty.

Dr. Lark currently serves as an at-large member of the Libertarian National Committee, and as the national campus coordinator for the Libertarian Party. He also serves as the vice-chairman of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, the campus coordinator for the L.P.Va., the Ninth Congressional District chair, and the secretary of the Jefferson Area Libertarians (Charlottesville, Virginia). Previously, he served as vice-chairman and secretary of the L.P.Va. and as a member of the Libertarian Party's platform committee in 1991 and 1998. He has served as a national campus liaison for the Libertarian Party, and has conducted three campus organizing tours on behalf of the Party.

## Sunday April 17

8:00 AM --- *Coffee Klatch*  
Philosophy

9:00 AM --- *Seminar*  
Philosophy

10:00 AM --- *Presidential Candidate*

11:00 AM --- *Business*  
Board Elections

12:00 PM --- *Lunch* - on your own

1:00 PM --- *Presidential Candidate*

2:00 PM --- *Business*  
Local Candidate Nominations  
Delegate Nominations

3:00 PM --- *Closing Speaker*

4:00 PM --- *New Board Meets*

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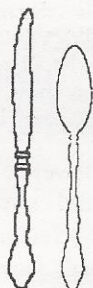
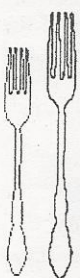
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with mushroom sauce, oven roasted  
potatoes & vegetables.

*Teriyaki Tuna Steak,*  
perfectly grilled tuna with steamed  
rice & fresh vegetables.

*Vegetarian Fettucini*  
with sun dried tomatoes & spinach  
in a light garlic & wine sauce.



The target audience for this convention is adult. Children in attendance at the convention and/or banquet are to behave in such a manner as not to be a distraction to the speakers or the participants. If you are bringing a small infant, please advise us in advance so that we may seat you at a table where there will be minimum interference for the wait staff and your expedient exit if necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

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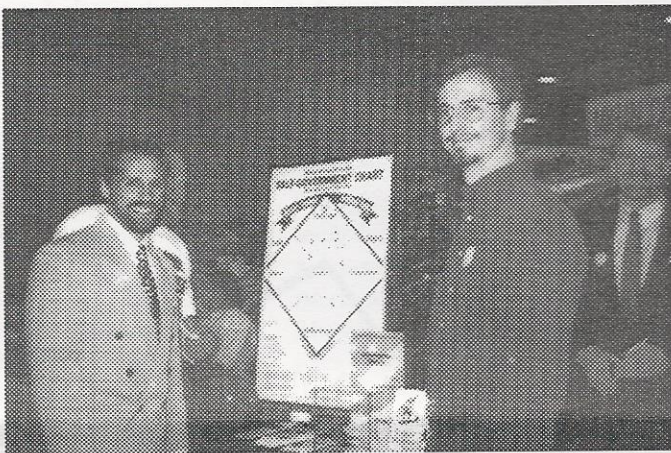
Bids are now being accepted by the State Board for the 2001 State Convention Committee. Send applications to the office by April 9, 2000. Selection of 2001 convention committee will be made at the close of the 2000 State Convention. Application should include; Estimated duration of convention. General location/city for convention. Tentative schedule with possible highlights. Names of persons to serve as the main convention committee and contact information. Send applications to: Convention Selection Committee  
720 East 18 Avenue, #309 Denver, CO 80203



## LP Finds Members at Tanner Gun Show

by Joe Johnson

Beginning in January, The Colorado Libertarian Party began a quest: to climb the mountain. That mountain is to reach potential voters and members. But where to start? While reading the daily paper, the choice became clear. The headline in the Rocky Mountain News read, "GOV. OWENS PUSHES FIVE GUN CONTROL MEASURES". The fire had been lit, and the skillet was already hot. So, like the minutemen which fought to make this country free, the party sprang into action.



Reserving tables at every show at the Tanner gun show in Adams County (just outside of Denver) the battle began! The Libertarians set out to voice their message. A message which, as the volunteers found, "sells itself." Terry Donze, a volunteer working at the show said "this show is great, it's a lot of fun — mainly because our message is so well received here!"

With so many gun owners feeling betrayed by the man for whom they had voted, in an effort to prevent "getting stuck" with a Democrat, the Libertarian message was never more welcomed in any group! The result of the January show? A sizable number of new Libertarian voter registrations, and even more names requesting information about the party. We are wanted there! Show goers were snatching up Libertarian information. But alas, Freedom is not free, and this grassroots group is running perilously close to being forced to abandon future shows due to a lack of funds.

By year's end, we hope to expand the show to include a TV monitor airing Libertarian videos, computer terminals running interactive pro-Libertarian programs, pro-gun rights picketers in the parking lots, a live "meet the candidates" forum, and items for cash donation which would offset the expense of providing this much-needed service to distraught gun owners. With a strong emphasis on membership recruitment,

our display could grow into the greatest outreach program in Colorado Party history. Tom Goonan, the LP outreach director, said, "The Long term goal is to take what we've learned, and branch out to other types of shows around the State."

But these goals require money. With the cost of providing a top-notch show running between \$500 and \$1,000 per show, we may be shot dead before we even "get out of the box." That is, without your help! How much would you be willing to pay, if you knew that every donation would directly result in increased membership totals? Would you be willing to pay \$28.00 per month, to cover the cost of 1/3 of the estimated 1,200 brochures that will be handed out in one weekend, if you knew that it would result in a direct increase in registered, dues paying members of the Colorado Libertarian Party?

If you were sure that there was a group of people who are dedicating an entire weekend each and every month to increasing the Colorado LP to record numbers, would you be willing to help by sending a one-time donation of \$50.00, to pay for the cost of one table?

You have my word: I am dedicated to this outreach project! If you will send in a donation, or make a monthly pledge, I give you my word of honor, I will not rest until every gun owner who attends this, and other such shows KNOWS the Libertarian party. Will you donate \$50.00, or pledge \$28.00 per month, knowing that these efforts could result in the majority of gun owners persuading the NRA to endorse Libertarian candidates this November? That's my goal. Is it yours? If so, Please send in a donation, or make a pledge today to Libertarian Party of Colorado, 720 E 18th Ave #309, Denver CO 80203-1415. Or call party treasurer David Bryant at 303-744-6577, or send him an e-mail at davidbryant@att.net.

We could also use your time. Would you like to spend an afternoon, having a great time with Libertarians and other like-minded people? Come and represent the Libertarian party to people who are glad to see you. Elke Glazer, who volunteered at the table said of the show, "I've been looking for a way to get involved, and this show was great! It gave me a chance to talk about the party in a friendly environment. I'm glad I came!"

However, in order to expand into other shows, we need more people. Would you like to see the Libertarian party of Colorado at every county fair, trade show, business expo, and gun show in the state? So would I. Can we count on you to help? If so please contact Chuck Wright at cawright@attglobal.net or phone Joe Johnson at: (303)-604-9153.

Together we CAN make a difference for Liberty!



## Legislative Watchdogs Falling Behind

By David Bryant

The Colorado general assembly is still grinding out laws by the dozen. Unfortunately, our legislative watchdog team is falling behind. We just don't have enough people to make it work. But the news isn't all bad.

Most of Governor Owens' pet gun control legislation has already died in committee. The onerous restrictions on initiative petitions envisioned by SB153 are also dead, though there have been recent rumblings about another attempt to restrict this important right. Competing proposals for revisions to Colorado's death penalty are focusing more attention on the role of

juries in the criminal justice system. And three major tax cut proposals are coming up for hearings as this issue of the *Liberty* goes to press.

For current information on pending legislation, see Ari Armstrong's web page ([www.co-freedom.com](http://www.co-freedom.com)). If you want to get more closely involved with this year's experiment in keeping track of the legislature, send an e-mail message to Ari at [<ariarmstrong@hotmail.com>](mailto:ariarmstrong@hotmail.com). And if you'd like to make the legislative watchdog team work better next year than it did the first time around, come to the state convention and throw your hat in the ring. The position of Legislative Director has gone unfilled for almost a year now, and that's far too long.

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## Officers Elected to Lead the Libertarian Party of El Paso

by Steve F. Gresh

Members of the Libertarian Party of El Paso County (LPEP) met on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at the All Souls Unitarian Church's Susan B. Anthony Annex Building to conduct party business. The annual election of officers was one of the business matters completed during the meeting.

After taking nominations from the floor, a vote was held and officers were elected. The positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer were filled.

Steven J. D'Ipollito was elected as the LPEP's new Chairman and Ken Fitzpatrick was elected Vice Chairman. The newly elected Secretary is Robert Berdais and Mike Shifflette will serve as the LPEP's Treasurer.

D'Ipollito, an active member of the LPEP since the early days of its formation, acknowledged the progress made by the party under the direction of the outgoing officers—John Berntson (former Chairman), Ken Cain (former Vice Chairman), and Kenneth C. Boyce (former Secretary/Treasurer). D'Ipollito commented,

"Thanks to John's and Ken's leadership this past year, the party has shown solid growth, and as John pointed out, anyone who reads the Gazette editorial page, or the Independent, or who listens to the Chuck Baker show now knows what we are about. The cause of Liberty in this county has taken some enormous steps forward because of this, and I give them my heartfelt thanks for the job they have done.

"Now the challenge facing us is to build on this excellent start to develop the Libertarian Party of El Paso County into a force that the big-government 'Demoblican' Party is not going to be able to ignore."

Libertarians of El Paso County and throughout the nation concur with the new LPEP Chairman, D'Ipollito, that the incumbent opposition, while purporting to be two distinct political parties, is essentially nothing more than one party with two branches that thrives on managing the personal and economic lives of all citizens.

*Steve F. Gresh is the Media Director for LPEP.*



## Is Sen. Allard a Libertarian?

by BetteRose Smith

"Did the Libertarian Party of Colorado give Senator Wayne Allard a 100% approval rating?" That's what a Republican caller asked Libertarian State Chair BetteRose Smith by phone on April 17th. The caller had already called the LP National office and discovered that they gave no such rating and did not know anyone who had. The man had attended a town meeting in Frisco where Allard made this claim.

Concerned about this, especially after the caller voiced his disappointment of the approval since Allard strongly supports drug prohibition, Smith made several calls. First, did anyone in Colorado know of someone giving this rating? Second, did National overlook some of the possible suspects? Third, how did Allard come to make such a statement?

With a phone call to the Senator's office, Smith got an explanation. It seems a Libertarian had told Senator Allard about the approval rating at a town meeting. Without double-checking the information, Allard repeated this rumor as fact at another meeting. The Senator's office was requested to ask Allard not to repeat this false information.

How might these events have started? Perhaps a Libertarian saw a rating from some other group, mistakenly thought the rating came from the Libertarian Party, and passed the tidbit on to the Senator.

"Things of this nature must be avoided," said Smith. "The man who called was incensed that the Libertarians would give a 100% rating to a man who so obviously is anti-libertarian in his stand on things like drug prohibition. Though not a supporter of the Libertarian Party now, the caller could become one in the future.

"Such misinformation makes the party look as if it is willing to compromise on issues and it is not. This leads us to lose possible members and part-time supporters. It is something we can ill-afford, and, if not checked, it could tarnish our reputation."

In addition to his support of drug prohibition, Allard supports a Constitutional amendment prohibiting flag burning. On some issues, though, Allard's views are compatible with those of the Libertarian Party. Allard opposed Bill Clinton's bombing of Kosovo and he opposed the "Know Your Customer" federal banking regulations. The Libertarian Party does acknowledge and appreciate this support. Smith expressed hope that Senator Allard will adopt more Libertarian positions in the future.

Even though the Libertarian Party never issued any kind of rating regarding Senator Allard, it is nice to know the Senator would consider support from the Libertarian Party a bragging point.

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5	6 Boulder Luncheon, noon. Call Ron Bain 303.443.9179 Southside 7pm. Call Peter Skaates: 303.972.1834	7 Fort Collins Breakfast, 7 am at Joe's Fireside Cafe, 238 S College Ave. Call Lee Smith: 970.635.0395 Mardi Gras	8 Colorado Springs Friends of Liberty, 7 pm. Baron's Saloon at Airport & Academy Call John Berntson: 719.532.0118 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9 Boulder LPBC Board Meeting, 6:30 pm. Murphy's Grill at 28th. & Iris in Boulder. Call Ron Bain: 303.443.9179	10	11 Denver Breakfast 8 am. 303.831.4334 Grand Junction 6pm social, Dinner at 7. Country Inn, 718 Horizon Dr. John Lott will speak. 970.464.5177
12	13 Boulder, noon. 303.443.9179 Adams County, 7 pm Call Jay Carper: 303.252.7808 LP of CO - in Denver Board meeting, 7pm. 303.639.5530	14	15 Colorado Springs Friends of Liberty, 7 pm. Call John: 719.532.0118 Routt County, 7pm Call Mike: 970.870.8104	16	17  <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	18 Denver Breakfast LePeep's, 8 am. 303.831.4334 Tanner Gun Show Call Joe Johnson: 303.604.9153
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- June 30 through July 3: National Convention in Anaheim, California.  
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## April

1 Denver Breakfast  
LePeep's, 8 am.  
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2	3 Boulder, noon. Call Ron Bain: 303.443.9179 Southside, 7pm. Call Bennett: 303.740.8690	4 Fort Collins Breakfast, 7 am at Joe's Fireside Cafe, 238 S College Ave. Call Lee Smith: 970.635.0395	5 Colorado Springs Friends of Liberty, 7 pm. 719.532.0118 Broomfield Mamie Doud Library at Civic Center, 7pm. Call Wright Morgan: 303.465.9676	6	7 Jefferson County 6 pm. social, 7 pm. business. 12895 W. 16th. Dr. in Golden. Call Tom Goonan: 303.202.9069	8 Denver Breakfast LePeep's, 8 am. 303.831.4334
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